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1. THE INTERNATIONAL SEED TESTING ASSOCIATION (ISTA) EMPLOYS A STAFF OF THREE (3) SALARIED PERSONS (2 PART TIME) AT THE SECRETARIAT IN OSLO. COMBINED SALARIES AND SOCIAL BENEFITS AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY \$30,900. ISTA IS FUNDED BY MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SALE OF PUBLICATIONS. THERE IS NO STATE SUPPORT, EXCEPT FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF ISTA PROPERTY. THE HONORARY SECRETARY, ARNE WOLD IS PAID BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT APPROXIMATELY \$20,000. ACCORDING TO WOLD, SALARIES WILL INCREASE IN THE SPRING ALONG THE LINES OF THE COMBINED NATIONAL WAGE, PRICE SETTLEMENTS (PROBABLY OVER 10 PERCENT).

2. THERE ARE NO ISTA COMMITTEES IN NORWAY. THERE ARE 16 TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 56 MEMBER COUNTRIES, 126 MEMBER STATIONS, AND 165 MEMBERS OF ISTA. THE LATEST AVAILABLE ISTA BUDGET FOR 1974, WAS APPROXIMATELY \$102,200, INCLUDING A PROFIT OF ABOUT \$23,600. ACCORDING TO WOLD THE 1975 BUDGET WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 15 PERCENT.

3. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE ISTA CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REF AIR C.

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4. THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL ISTA MEETING WILL OCCUR IN
SOLNE, SWEDEN, OUTSIDE OF STOCKHOLM IN MAY 1976. THE
18TH ISTA CONGRESS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MADRID, SPAIN
MAY 1977.
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